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RETURN OF DRILLING FLUID  
FROM A SEALED MARINE RISER  
TO A FLOATING DRILLING RIG  
WHILE DRILLING

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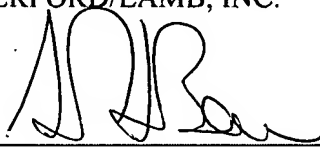
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